



**HEI MATAU
PADDLERS**
ROTORUA, NZ

Rotohoe Series 2022
Saturday, 11th June 2022
Lake Rotoma, Rotorua
Hei Matau Paddlers
Pānui 2

EVENT SUMMARY

The Rotohoe Series has a very long history. It has been run by multiple clubs in the Te Arawa rohe over many many years, and we as Hei Matau Paddlers are very fortunate to have the opportunity to run five events in this next series. We take the opportunity to encourage paddlers from around the motu to come and indulge in our amazing spaces. Race, stay over, spend a bit of time here and visit some beautiful locations that Rotorua has to offer.

*This year sees the first ever Public Holiday for “**Matariki**”. We want to celebrate this, and bring you all along for that journey. So look out for the panui about this celebration, where we will share in a unique opportunity of celebration, **then** get down to business with some paddling.*

We welcome you and your whānau to join us for these events.

Race Location Korero - Lake Rotoma (Sunken Island)

There are some beautiful stories and not so beautiful stories about our lakes, and this seemed to resonate as some interesting history to share.

Four buoys in the southern portion of Lake Rotomā mark the location of Motutara, the sunken island, which sits just under the lakes surface. Occasionally the lake level drops low enough to expose the top of the island. There was once a Māori village on the island, and according to the legend, an old Tohunga resided there amongst the other inhabitants. His name was Te Rarau-mai-Waho, and he was very powerful and dangerous. The cloud the old Tohunga cast over the island was lifted only on the occasions where he went to visit some of his relations in Kawerau and around Putauaki, Mount Edgcombe.

One night he returned from such a visit and called out to the people of the island from the lake's edge by Matahi lagoon, ordering them to send him a canoe. Nobody responded to his demands, and in his anger the Tohunga put a curse on the island and its inhabitants. The people of the island heard the angry Tohunga's terrible screams, but did not realise the horrible retribution he would take. The curse caused the island to slowly sink, and by morning it was completely underwater; the only signs of the village being bodies and pieces of wreckage floating on the surface of the lake. Some people had escaped by swimming to the shore of the lake, and these people eventually settled in the South Island. The Waikato Underwater Club has examined Motutara. Two platforms or terraces were found, and some hāngi stones were found at the peak. It has been suggested that if the Pā had been palisaded it may have still been there today.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

7.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
8.00am	Karakia
8.15am	Managers meeting
8.30am	Race & safety briefings for Race 1
9.00am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 1 - 5km (W1, W2, W6 - J16, Novice & GM; Men, Women & Mixed)
10.00am	Race & safety briefings for Race 2
10.30am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 2 - 10km (W6 only - J19, Open, Master & Senior Master; Men, Women & Mixed)
12.30pm	Race & safety briefings for Race 3
1.00pm	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 3 - 1000m (Run it Straight - All paddlers keen will have names drawn from a Random Team Generator)
2.00pm	Packdown
3.00pm	Closing Karakia

NB - You must have 4 entries in your division and category to qualify your race

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car & Trailer Parking: Parking is available at Matahi Scenic Reserve. All parking is along the beachfront, be mindful of each other, and people walking along the Matahi Road.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however, there will be a Coffee vendor and soup and kai for paddlers after their race. Bring your **OWN** cup for soup.

Toilets: Toilets are located in the reserve as per the site map.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, check out the site map.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring, back with you.

Alcohol/ Smoke-free: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day, there is no overnight security, so leaving equipment on site, prior to this time and after the event is at your own risk.
- Waka drop-off will be on the beachfront and access is via the Matahi Road as per the Site Map.
- Trailer parking is on the same road, please be mindful of other trailers and foot traffic while parking.

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.



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RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.
Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama Race Rules October 2019](#)

No protests will be accepted at these events, all rules need to be adhered to. Look after your fellow paddling whanau, on and off the water.

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1 & W2	5km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	5km	J16, Golden Master & Novice	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	10km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	1km	Any paddler registered in the previous races <i>NB - YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR THIS RACE ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE RACED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RACES</i>	Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person by event*

PER PERSON BY EVENT (*charged for each event entered*)

Event	Cost
W1 & W2 – 5km – J16	\$5.00
W1 & W2 – 5km – J19 upwards	\$10.00
W6 – 5km – J16, Novice, Golden Master	J16 - \$5.00 / Novice & Gld Master - \$10.00
W6 – 10km – J19, Open, Master, Snr Master	\$10.00
W6 – 1km Run it Straight	\$5.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2048>
(Top right hand corner for Members Area)
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **Tuesday, 7th June 2022, 11.59pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 8th June 2022, 11.59pm**, rosters must be completed, no exceptions



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Organisers are only accepting **one CLUB payment**. Therefore please ensure that you go through your club to pay your race fees. Any personal fees paid into the club account, will be accepted as a koha with thanks...

- Once entered, payment can be made by your **CLUB** online to:
 - Hei Matau Paddlers
 - 01-0414-0721211-00
 - Use your club as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All J16 paddlers must wear life jackets
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top OC1)

COVID-19 INFO

- Sanitizing stations will be set up around the event, please use these frequently
- This event is subject to cancellation or postponement depending on Covid levels
- Where possible, please do not share equipment
- If you are sick, have been feeling unwell, or have travelled overseas recently, please stay home

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers to be handed in on the day at registration
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here: [Website to access Waiver forms](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: heimataupaddlers05@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **Event Director, Kelley Korau, 0212441170**
- Facebook: [Rotohoe Series-2022](#)

COURSE MAPS

[Lake Rotoma - Site Map Link](#)

[Lake Rotoma - 5km Course Map Link](#)

[Lake Rotoma - 1000m Course Map Link](#)